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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 6

Commissioner for Patents Washington DC 20231

In response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 15 through 19.

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 18, 2002, wherein Claims 1, 4-7, 9-14, 20 and 21 remain pending and were indicated to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner has requested that claims 15-19 be canceled before the patent is issued. Applicants have canceled Claims 15-19.

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Conclusion

The entire Office Action dated November 18, 2002 has been carefully reviewed, and this response is submitted as being fully responsive thereto. In view of the preceding remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 4-7, 9-14, 20 and 21 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If the Examiner believes that personal contact would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is requested to call the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

Please charge the fee for a one-month extension time, and any other fee which might be due, to Deposit Account No. 07-0960.

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